



## CORA Early Years

### THINGS TO DO WHILE YOU'RE STUCK AT HOME:

- Another great way to help kids learn from home is a [virtual field trip](#) to somewhere cool, like the Galapagos Islands!
- Spend some time off electronics and pick from 25 different [screen-free activities](#) for kids.
- Quick and easy [5 minute crafts](#) are the way to go.
- Break out the junk drawer! Help kids [learn with everyday objects](#).
- [Science games](#) bring lots of fun to learning!
- Now is a great time to try out [subscription boxes for kids](#).
- Shh! They won't even realize they're learning with our [fun math games for kids](#).
- Here are some free ideas to [homeschool for elementary students](#).
- Yes! Your kids can [learn without screens](#).
- Might as well [homeschool preschool](#) while you're at it.
- Kiddos bouncing off the walls? Try these [active games for kids](#).
- Learn \*and\* play with [science activities for kids](#).
- Mix things up with these [inside games for kids](#).
- [Edible playdough](#) is fun with make, then eat! (Just be sure your kids wash their hands!)
- I just know there is a kid in your house who wants to make [unicorn slime](#).

Additional Educational Links:

<http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>

[www.scholastic.com/learnathome](http://www.scholastic.com/learnathome)

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

<https://www.starfall.com/h/index-kindergarten.php>

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/>

One of the best things to do is read with your child, for access to some additional books online check out:

<https://bookriot.com/2017/11/10/free-childrens-books-online/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEPsNDUUm-7yZhUjQQNqwQ>

Kid Time Story Time on YouTube, they read the books to the kids, so you can get some of that necessary teleworking done while they get reading time in!

For those who are looking at kindergarten readiness for the fall, the following are some great ways to make letter recognition and sight word memory fun:

<https://tickledpinkinprimary.com/2017/03/free-sight-word-games.html>

<https://homeschoolpreschool.net/teaching-sight-words-water-play/>

Write letters and words in shaving cream, paint them on the sidewalk with water, use playdough to make shapes, and letters.

To beat the cabin fever try some of these activities which use items you may already have:

<https://whatmomslove.com/kids/active-indoor-games-activities-for-kids-to-burn-energy/>

<https://busytoddler.com/2017/02/body-paint-process-art/> A fun way to use up some of that leftover wrapping paper. Substitute crayons or markers for the paint for a lower mess project.

Screen time is a lifesaver for busy parents, and I know first-hand it can be hard to know what a good use of that time is. There are many companies offering free subscriptions during this time.

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/?fbclid=IwAR2IC26304-xEvensJ0eGuuXxvnbfnfHiXSFkeZLNXEfbap0dt2EsiYSRvLk>

Many of these are geared towards older elementary age students, so they may be more of a resource for older siblings.

Additionally, here are a couple of YouTube channels that are safe, fun and developmentally appropriate for our kiddos!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga> Story based yoga, and teaches a lot of self-regulation and social emotional skills through mindfulness.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/JackHartmann> Sight word and letter recognition songs, counting and basic math, as well as movement activities and other early learning skills.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tif2a8vXeAA&list=PL9bsPVRsg1snN6HWgjJIDHEep90jf1B1c> Phonics song playlist, teaches letters and individual sounds they make.

The Cincinnati Zoo is going to be doing a Facebook live video each weekday featuring a different animal. <https://www.facebook.com/cincinnati-zoo/posts/10158043843010479>

## **The Office of Early Childhood:**

<https://www.philasd.org/earlychildhood/resources/early-childhood-weblinks/>

<https://www.philasd.org/earlychildhood/resources/parents/prek-parent-resources/>

## **Meal Pick Up sites and Safe Spaces for Children during school closures:**

<https://www.phila.gov/2020-03-14-find-free-meals-and-safe-spaces-for-students-while-schools-are-closed/>

<http://phl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=34b210c6dd684b8e944768c82c0efa5e>